

Start up and expansion fund

Additional services

The Phone Co-op has a fund to help social enterprises start and develop.

The Fund will provide resources to social enterprises to help them at critical stages in their development.

To be eligible for the credits, the social enterprises must be new customers of The Phone Co-op, or be taking additional services as a result of expansion, and must agree to use the Phone Co-op's services for two years.

How does it work?

The fund offers up to £250 to each social enterprise in the form of a credit on your Phone Co-op bills. The money can be used to pay for any telecoms products or services provided by us, including fixed line and mobile telecoms, broadband, web hosting, and phone systems.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible, your social enterprise must be either a new business customer of The Phone Co-op, or taking extra services as a result of expansion, and must agree to use our services for two years.

In addition, if your business has been advised by a recognised social enterprise business advice agency (such as a Co-operative Development Agency), you will be granted a credit account without having to go through a credit check

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OX7 5BR

Fax: 01608 434 075

Please email us so we can confirm receipt of your order.

Account number
<i>Internal reference only</i>

General information			
Organisation Name:			
Company Registration Number			
Address			
Town		Post Code	
Phone No.		Fax No	
Contact Name		Title	
Contact e-mail			
Website address			

Account information			
Are you an existing customer?	Yes	[]	No
		[]	
Your Phone Co-op Account number if applicable:			

About your enterprise			
Are you a new start-up or an existing enterprise?	New	[]	Existing
		[]	

Please give a brief description of your social enterprise

If you are expanding your enterprise, please briefly describe your expansion and what new services you will require.

If you are an existing customer what services do you currently hold with us?	
Line Rental	[]
Calls	[]
Broadband	[]
Mobile Services	[]
Web Hosting/Domains	[]

Do you currently use the services of another telecoms or internet provider? If so, what services do you use and with which provider?			
Line Rental	[]	Provider	
Calls	[]	Provider	
Broadband	[]	Provider	
Mobile Services	[]	Provider	
Web Hosting/Domains	[]	Provider	

What is your legal structure?	
Industrial Provident Society	[]
Community Benefit Company	[]
Company Ltd by Guarantee	[]
Share Capital Company	[]
CIC	[]
LLP	[]
Other Partnership	[]
Other (please specify)	

Please describe your ownership and governance structure and the purpose of your social enterprise.

Have you received advice from a business support agency, e.g. a Co-operative Development Agency, about your current expansion or start-up? If so please state which agency and please provide contact details.

Terms and Conditions

1. Grants are available in the form of a credit on the beneficiary's customer account (existing or new) with The Phone Co-op, and can be used to pay for goods and services supplied by The Phone Co-op.
2. Grants are available to new co-operatives and other social enterprises, and to ones undertaking significant expansion, necessitating the taking on of new telecommunications services.
3. The aim of the grants is to support co-operatives and social enterprises at key times in their development.
4. Credits provided under this scheme cannot be exchanged for, or rebated in the form of, cash.
5. The grant is provided on condition that the beneficiary agrees to a minimum two year service contract with The Phone Co-op, as far as practicable for all telecommunications and internet services (The Phone Co-op acknowledges that the beneficiary may in some cases be bound by contractual obligations to other service providers, and may not be able to migrate services until the terms of such contracts comes to an end)
6. Where a beneficiary fails to adhere to condition (5) above, The Phone Co-op shall be entitled to receive repayment in full of the grant.
7. Only one grant can be provided to any single beneficiary in any two year period.
8. The beneficiary agrees that The Phone Co-op can issue press releases and other publicity information mentioning the name of the beneficiary in connection with the Grant
9. The beneficiary agrees to acknowledge the support provided by The Phone Co-op as appropriate
10. All grants are provided at the absolute discretion of The Phone Co-op, which shall not be required to provide a reason for a refusal. The number of grants available is limited.

Please ensure that all the relevant sections of the Order Form are completed.

Authorisation			
Name			
Position		Date	
Director or authorised signature (required):			
<small>By signing, I agree to the Terms & Conditions of service; available on our website business.thephone.coop/help/tcs and I am authorised by the above organisation to sign for these services.</small>			